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20 November 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : CS Historical Program

REFERENCES : (A) Memo for ExDir from Executive Secretary,
CS Historical Board, dtd 18 October 1972,
Subj: Proposed Contract Employment of
25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] Annuitant, as Historical
Writer for the CS Historical Program

(B) Memo for ExDir from Executive Secretary,
CS Historical Board, dtd 18 October 1972,
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25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] as Historical Writer
for the CS Historical Program

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1. Per our recent conversation, I feel a history of our relationship with the [REDACTED] since 1958 is not sufficiently important to enter into an independent contractor relationship. However, the proposed contract with Mr. [REDACTED] for a history of our activities and operations in [REDACTED] seems very useful and is therefore approved.

2. As you know, it is my hope that we can definitely move in the direction of preparing significant topical histories rather than chronicles of organizations and people. Other than in exceptional cases, in writing these histories we must learn to live without dependence on the skills of retired annuitants. I would hope that the Historical Staff will provide the manpower for historical writing, not just the editing it has done to date.

W. E. Colby

Executive Director-Comptroller

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CS Historical Board

INFORMATION : Chief, CIA Historical Staff

SUBJECT : The CS Historical Program

1. During the past two years the size of the CS historical program has remained fairly constant at about 300 scheduled histories. As of late August 1972, 179 histories have been published in the program, leaving about 120 as yet unpublished titles.

2. In view of the Executive Director's and the CSHB's guidelines, together with reduced budgets and personnel ceilings, we have reviewed the remaining CS program and propose to reorganize it into three major categories:

a. Category I (See Attachment A). The active program, historical papers which are in various stages of preparation: research, drafting, editing, final typing or review. Divisions and staffs are being urged to complete these to the extent possible and as promptly as circumstances permit. In some instances, particularly where the writer can devote only part or spare time to the paper it is very difficult to estimate a completion date. In Category I there are 62 titles.

b. Category II (See Attachment B). Planned but not yet scheduled histories. These are histories in which the CS components have expressed an active interest and which fall within current guidelines for the program. Some, although inactive, have been partially written; others have not been started. These histories will be scheduled in the active program as soon as qualified writers can be assigned. The list is subject to revision and may be amplified or abridged.

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c. Category III (See Attachment C). Previously scheduled histories for which there are no current plans. In effect these titles have been dropped from the CS program. Any one of them, however, may be moved up into Category II or I as warranted by future priorities and availability of writers.

3. Comments and suggestions are requested, particularly with regard to Category II and III titles.

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Executive Secretary
CS Historical Board

Attachments:
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